

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic commerce system for the reuse of transaction documents, the system comprising:

one or more document repositories storing a plurality of transaction documents each associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

a global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more attributes of the transaction documents categorized in the class, at least one of the classes having one or more associated pointers that identify one or more document repositories;

an intelligence module operable to, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, create one or more a generic documents document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from one or more of the selected transaction documents document stored in the one or more document repositories, a generic the generic document created from a from the selected transaction document comprising the selected transaction document with selected information in the selected transaction document made inaccessible in the generic document; and

a search interface operable to communicate a search query for transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with one or more selected classes.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.

4. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein the intelligence module: segments the selected transaction documents document into one or more sections; determines which sections of the selected transaction documents document are generic and which sections are specific to a particular the past transaction; and removes from the selected transaction documents document information in the sections specific to a particular the past transaction to create the generic document capable of being used to facilitate the future transaction; and carries forward the generic sections from the selected transaction document into the generic document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction document.

6. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the search interface is further operable to allow a user to navigate through the classes to search for a particular transaction document.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 5 wherein the intelligence module is further operable to dynamically adjust the information in the sections in the generic documents document to include current information.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein the search interface is further operable to allow a user to view the generic documents document.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 1 further comprising a security module associated with the global content directory, the security module operable to encrypt the transaction documents to control user access to the documents.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

11. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for transaction document storage and reuse, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of transaction documents in one or more document repositories, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

associating the transaction documents with a global content directory, the global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

searching for particular transaction documents by:

selecting one or more of the classes; and

communicating a search query for the particular transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with the one or more selected classes; and

creating, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, one or more a generic documents document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from one or more of the selected transaction documents document stored in the one or more document repositories, ~~a generic~~ the generic document created ~~from~~ a ~~from the selected transaction document comprising the selected transaction document with selected information in the selected transaction document made inaccessible in the generic document.~~

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12 wherein creating the generic documents document comprises:

segmenting the selected transaction documents document into one or more sections;

determining which sections from the selected transaction documents document are generic and which sections are specific to a particular the past transaction;

removing from the selected transaction documents document information in the sections specific to a particular the past transaction to create the generic document capable of being used to facilitate the future transaction; and

carrying forward the generic sections from the selected transaction documents document into the generic documents document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction documents document.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 12 further comprising denying access to the transaction documents when a user does not possess a required permission level.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 16 further comprising dynamically adjusting the information in the sections in the generic documents document to include current information.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 12 further comprising:

selecting a transaction document from the transaction documents located using the search interface;

viewing the generic document created from the transaction document; and

completing the generic document with a plurality of user specific information.

20. (Currently Amended) Software for transaction document storage and reuse, the software embodied in a computer-readable medium and when executed operable to:

store a plurality of transaction documents in one or more document repositories, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

associate the transaction documents with a global content directory, the global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

communicate a search query for transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with one or more selected classes; and

create, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, one or more a generic documents document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from one or more of the selected transaction documents document stored in the one or more document repositories, a generic the generic document created from a from the selected transaction document comprising the selected transaction document with selected information in the selected transaction document made inaccessible in the generic document.

21. (Original) The software of Claim 20 wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

22. (Original) The software of Claim 20 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

23. (Original) The software of Claim 20 wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.

24. (Currently Amended) The software of Claim 20 wherein creating generic documents is operable to:

segment the selected transaction documents document into one or more sections;

determine which sections from the selected transaction documents document are generic and which sections are specific to a particular the past transaction;

remove from the selected transaction documents document information in the sections specific to a particular the past transaction; and

carry forward the generic sections from the selected transaction documents document into the generic documents document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction documents document.

25. (Original) The software of Claim 20 further operable to deny access to the transaction documents when a user does not possess a required permission level.

26. (Currently Amended) The software of Claim 24 further operable to dynamically adjust the information in the sections in the generic documents document to include current information.

27. (Original) The software of Claim 20 further operable to:

select a transaction document from the transaction documents located using the search interface;

view the generic document created from the transaction document; and

complete the generic document with a plurality of user specific information.

28. (Currently Amended) A system for transaction document storage and reuse, the method comprising:

means for storing a plurality of transaction documents, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

means for organizing a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

means for searching for particular transaction documents by:

selecting one or more of the classes; and

communicating a search query for the particular transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with the one or more selected classes; and

means for creating, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, one or more a generic documents document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from one or more of the selected transaction documents document stored in the one or more document repositories, a generic the generic document created from a the selected transaction document comprising the selected transaction document with selected information in the selected transaction document made inaccessible in the generic document.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the intelligence module is operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the intelligence module is operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by encrypting at least a portion of the selected information.

31. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, further comprising searching for a particular transaction document by navigating through the classes.

32. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising making the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising making the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by encrypting at least a portion of the selected information.

36. (Previously presented) The software of Claim 20, wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

37. (Previously presented) The software of Claim 20, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

38. (Previously presented) The software of Claim 20, further operable to allow a user to navigate through the classes to search for a particular transaction document.

39. (Previously presented) The software of Claim 20, wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

40. (Previously presented) The software of Claim 20, wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

41. (Currently Amended) The software of Claim 20, operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

42. (Currently Amended) The software of Claim 20, operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by encrypting at least a portion of the selected information.